

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the above amendment and following remarks is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-4, 7-10 and 13-17 are currently pending.

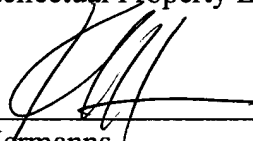
This application is a continuation of U.S. Application No. 10/211,992, now issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,673,796 ("the '796 patent"). As requested by the Examiner, Applicants have amended the first paragraph of the specification to reflect the same.

All pending claims stand rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over claims 1-5 and 7-15 of the '796 patent. To obviate this ground of rejection, an appropriate Terminal Disclaimer with regard to the '796 patent is submitted herewith.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the pending claims now be passed to issuance. A good faith effort has been made to place this application in condition for allowance. However, should any further issue require attention prior to allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at (206) 622-4900 to resolve the same.

Respectfully submitted,

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Terminal Disclaimer over U.S. Patent 6,673,796

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